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Athena Project

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What Is The Program Description?

The goals of this project are to provide technical assistance to Washington State prevention providers, promote strategic planning in prevention, and disseminate new information efficiently.

The main product is a website, the *Athena Forum*, which provides training and professional development opportunities for the substance abuse prevention field. The website disseminates tools, materials, and knowledge designed for prevention providers, local coalitions, or community projects that will be working with the five-step Strategic Prevention Framework. The website pulls together lessons learned from various prevention coalitions operating in Washington State and creates a new venue/medium for this information to be shared with the prevention field.

On the *Athena Forum* website, prevention professionals can develop, update, and sustain substance abuse prevention work. They can find general information about substance abuse prevention on this site or get specific documents and tools like sample agendas and surveys. They can also access and participate in prevention discussions and online training opportunities.

What Populations Are Served/ Who Is Eligible For These Services?

Tribal Prevention Providers, County Prevention Specialists, DBHR Prevention Staff, Drug-Free Communities grantees, SPF-SIG Communities grantees, Community Mobilization, Prevention/Intervention Specialists (OSPI), Town Hall Meetings Coordinators, Selected Prevention Summit Attendees, Public Health and Safety Community Networks and other community coalitions that have already been working with the strategic prevention framework or coalitions who will be working with the strategic prevention framework.

How Many People Are Served During The Biennium?

Currently in Washington State, there are over 300 prevention providers and community coalitions. The purpose of the *Athena Project* is to promote and guide these individuals and coalitions through strategic prevention planning and program implementation. In essence, the website serves as a manual or toolkit for the 100-plus prevention coalitions in our state. Additionally, these resources will be available for state, tribal, and county contractors.

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What Is The Biennial Funding Amount and Source(s)?

Funding to develop the website was provided by the Strategic Prevention Framework-State Incentive Grant. The only costs once the website is fully developed will be staff time to update and maintain the site. We anticipate that the website will become a key tool in providing technical assistance to prevention community. We will seek additional funding as necessary to address emerging needs of the prevention field.

What Would Be The Impact If This Program Was No Longer Available?

It would reduce and delay the support from DBHR for progressive prevention services and community coalition development and advancement in the field.

What Agencies Collaborate With DBHR To Deliver These Services?

- Drug Free Communities grantees
- SPF-SIG Communities grantees
- Reducing Underage Drinking Coalition
- Community Mobilization
- Public Health and Safety Community Networks
- Other community coalitions

What Are The Sources For Program Data or More Information?

- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
 - Center for Substance Abuse and Prevention
 - Center for Substance Abuse and Prevention Fellowship Program
 - Prevention Platform
 - Communities That Care
 - Drug-Free Communities grantees (WA State)
 - Western Center for the Application for Prevention Technologies
 - 7 Steps to Prevention Planning
 - Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Training
 - Strategic Prevention Framework
- Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America
 - Coalition Institute
- Washington State
 - Department of Commerce
 - Community Organizing
 - Community Mobilization
 - SPF-SIG Communities grantees
 - Family Policy Council, Public Health and Safety Community Networks
 - Other community coalitions